RURAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER—DUTIES OF

240. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will the Government be pleased to print and place on the Table of the House a copy of the Government Proceedings creating the post of a Rural Development Officer? What was stated therein to be the duties of the Rural Development Officer; who performs such functions at present?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* A copy of the Government Proceedings is appended. *(Vide Appendix I).* Mr. V. C. Ramankutty, the Protector-in-charge, who has been put in charge of the Rural Development Department, performs the functions of the "Rural Development Officer" at present.

RURAL RECONSTRUCTION CENTRES—STUD BULLS—MAINTENANCE OF

241. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the names of rural reconstruction centres which are maintaining stud bulls approved by the Government;

(*b*) whether those bulls were supplied free by the Government;

(*c*) whether any of these centres has received any grant from the Rural Development Department; and if so,

(*d*) the names of such centres and the amount of grant given to each one of them?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) (*i*) Lokamaleswaram Model Panchayat Co-operative Society, Cranganur.

(*ii*) Pattanchery Model Panchayat Co-operative Society.

(*iii*) Amballur Co-operative Society.

(*iv*) Anthikkad Rural reconstruction Co-operative Society.

(*v*) Chowwara Co-operative Society.

(*vi*) Rural Reconstruction Range, Ramavarmapuram.

(*vii*) Kunnamkulam Rural Reconstruction Centre.

(*b*) The bulls were purchased out of the Special free grant sanctioned to the Societies, except the one

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APPENDIX I

(Please see answer to question No. 240)

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF COCHIN

DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Rural Reconstruction Centre—Starting of

Read Sarvadhikariakar's communication C. 1077/13, dated 21st December 1937.

Order D-5. 4660/13, dated 22nd December 1937

Government have decided to start a Rural Reconstruction Centre at Ollur with effect from 1st March 1938.

2. Mr. J. Jesudas, M.A., at present Rural Secretary of the Y.M. C. A. Rural Reconstruction Centre at Marthandom, will be in charge of the Centre for a period of 2 years from 1st March 1938.

3. In addition to a free house Mr. Jesudas will be paid a salary of Rs. 200 per mensem, a consolidated T. A. of Rs. 50 per mensem and a contribution for Provident Fund of Rs. 12—8—0 per mensem. In addition to this expenditure of Rs. 262—8—0 per mensem Government will also pay a monthly contribution of Rs. 50 towards the supervision by the National Council of Y. M. C. A.

4. The Lands near Ollur suggested by Mr. Jesudas have been inspected by the Diwan and found suitable for the purpose. The Diwan Peishkar will, therefore, take immediate steps to acquire approximately 6 or 7 acres of the land. A notification under section 3 of the L. A. Act should be published. In any case the land must be put in possession of Government on or before the 1st of March 1938.

5. Mr. Jesudas will prepare rough plans and discuss the matter with the Chief Engineer, and in the light of this rough plan, the Chief Engineer should prepare the plans of the buildings. The Chief Engineer should forward these plans to Mr. Jesudas on or before the 10th of January. Mr. Jesudas will then send the plans back with criticisms and suggestions and if necessary have further discussion with the Chief Engineer. Thereafter the Chief Engineer will prepare the final plans and estimates which must be ready before the 1st of February. Tenders should then be called for and a decision taken. The actual construction should start on or before the 1st of March. Mr. Jesudas will exercise supervision over the construction of the buildings so that the buildings may be put up according to requirements.

6. Mr. Jesudas will send in January a complete list of the equipments that will be necessary for the centre. He will also make out a budget of expenditure for one year beginning from 1st March 1938.

7. The idea underlying the whole scheme of rural development is to utilise the machinery of the existing departments like Agriculture, Co-operation and Public Health and Panchayats and Industries. Soon after the Centre is started a few groups of Panchayats will be taken and worked as model villages. The activities of these

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departments will be co-ordinated and be at the disposal of the Rural Development Centre. The details relating to these schemes will be worked out later on at a conference between the Diwan, Mr. Jesudas and the departmental heads concerned.

(By order)
(Sd.)
Deputy Secretary

To

The Diwan Peishkar
The Chief Engineer, The Comptroller of Accounts
The Director of Public Health and Panchayats
The Director of Agriculture
The Registrar of Co-operative Societies
The Director of Industries and Commerce
Dr. Spencer Hatch (with covering letter)
Mr. J. Jesudas (with covering letter)
The Publicity Officer (Paras 1 and 2 only)
The Gazette (do.)

APPENDIX II

(Please see answer to question No. 259)

Resolution

"That this Council recommends to the Government, the inadvisability of maintaining at Government expense separate residential quarters in students' hostels for the different communities based on caste distinctions and the desirability of establishing only one cosmopolitan hostel for the use of all boys and another one for the use of the lady students with separate dining halls and kitchens for different communities."

APPENDIX III

(Please see answer to question No. 259)

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DIWAN OF COCHIN

LOCAL & MISCELLANEOUS DEPARTMENT

(Education)

No. 126.—Read correspondence ending with C. No. 2408 of 1101, dated 9th April 1926, from the Director of Public Instruction.

Also subsequent correspondence ending with the Sarvadhikariakar's communication A. No. 1034/1101, dated 8th May 1926.

Order C. No. 1209/1101, dated 14th May 1926

Representations were made to Government from time to time about the exclusiveness that is now associated with the hostels attached to the Educational Institutions of the State and the subject came up, in one form or other, for discussion in the Legislative Council. A resolution was moved in the last session of the Legislative Council by Mr. M. K. Raman to make these hostels cosmopolitan. Mr. Kunjunni Raja moved an amendment to the effect that these hostels should be equipped with separate dining halls and kitchens, though the residential quarters might be common and this was passed by the Council.

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